



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3731**

## PATENT

**Customer No. 22,852**

Attorney Docket No. 06530.0276

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

**Marc O. SCHURR et al.**

**Application No.: 09/957,451**

**Filed: September 21, 2001**

**For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR  
FOLDING AND SECURING  
TISSUE**

**Group Art Unit: 3731**

**Examiner: D. Erez**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on April 18, 2006, the statutory three-month period for response extending through July 18, 2006, Applicants propose to amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the claim amendment section of this paper.